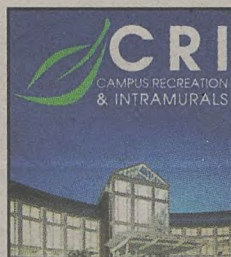




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Chilean interest

How did Chile's earthquake differ from Haiti's?

Kelsey SORRELL • staff writer

An earthquake recently struck Chile at a magnitude of 8.8, producing a tsunami that swept away much of the Chilean coastline and destroyed the coastal towns.

The earthquake hit offshore in Maule, Chile on Feb. 27, sending the tsunami careening into the villages.

It pulled the ocean back and pushed water and boats into the village, causing the majority of the damage to the shorelines.

Nancy Shumaker, the director for the Center of International Studies, gave several advantages that Chile has over Haiti when it comes to earthquakes.

She said that in Haiti, the buildings initially withstood the earthquake, but the subsoil liquefied, causing the buildings to crumble. The soil remained solid in Chile, however, causing less damage.

"Chile is a much more developed country, it has an excellent infrastructure of roads, it's a stronger country economically and it's much more modern in many ways," she said. "Also, after the 1960 earthquake, they implemented a set of building codes for the construction of buildings and homes modeled after California, which are supposed to withstand

shaking."

Mark Welford, an associate professor for the department of geology and geography, said that good building codes can make all the difference.

"There was one big reason more people died in Haiti than Chile - poverty," he said. "Chile is a moderately wealthy country with good building codes that are enforced and an extensive, well-funded civilian emergency system. Haiti has neither of these.

"Chile's earthquake, though more offshore, was 500 times more powerful than Haiti's," he said. "Furthermore, most of the deaths in Chile occurred because of the tsunami."

Shumaker also lived in Chile. She spent part of her high school career in Santiago, around the time that the strongest earthquake on record struck the country.

"We don't realize just how much damage an earthquake can do," she said.

She was also in an earthquake in Peru and another one in Costa Rica.

"In Peru, they tell you to go to the middle of the street, or to stand in the doorway which is the strongest

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Triumph before defeat

The Lady Eagles' Krista Tate (11) and Samantha Williams (42) guard College of Charleston's Brooke Kotcella in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament in Charleston, S.C. Saturday. The Lady Eagles won 57-56 before losing to Chattanooga in the semifinal on Sunday, 60-49. For more information, turn to page 12.



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Haitian Relief Concert

Local group to aid Haiti through music Friday

Jeff HARRISON
guest writer

Exactly two months removed from the catastrophic tremor that ravaged Haiti, a group of local citizens will gather at the Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center to raise awareness and aid in Haitian relief efforts.

Regional Artists Involved in Support Efforts, a group of artists, businesses, organizations and churches, will host a concert to raise funds March 12, at the Performing Arts Center from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

"This concert was a dream of mine, and a couple of other local musicians who wanted to use the skills we have to benefit the people suffering in Haiti," said Brandi Harvey, co-founder of RAISE. "We do not have the ability to build, or provide medical care, but we can make music; and this was the best

way for us to use our gifts to help those in need."

A \$10 entry fee will grant entrance to the two-hour concert and will be used to send Fresh Start Packs to Haitian communities.

The packs are filled with personal hygiene products – soap, toothbrushes and tissues – and bottled water; each will be hand-delivered by volunteers.

"We would like to raise enough funds that, in addition to the Fresh Start Packs, we can provide a well for clean drinking water to at least one village," said Harvey.

Tickets will be available for purchase this week at First United Methodist Church, which will also accept additional donations, or at the Performing Arts Center beginning at 5 p.m. on the day of the event.

Featured bands are set to include The Chester Project, Next Level, Bloomstate, Chris and Ashlee

Mitchell, and the Abundant Life Worship Center Praise band.

"We tried to invite bands in a variety of genres in order to make the concert more appealing to a broader audience," said Harvey. "These bands cover everything from rock and jazz to praise and worship."

"We will also have a welcome from local resident and Haiti native, Claudia Batichon, and a special message for Bulloch County by Jane Graham, representative from the non-profit organization Samaritan's Purse," she said.

Friday's concert will be the latest in a string of fundraisers throughout the U.S. to provide aid in Haiti.

"This event will not only serve to raise funds for a nation in need, but bring this community together for a greater goal," said Harvey. "We believe that this is a generous and selfless community with a heart to give and serve."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Candidate debate set for Wednesday

Candidates for Student Government Association president will have the opportunity Wednesday at 5 p.m. to face off on the issues currently up against the students of Georgia Southern. The debate will be in the Russell Union Theater. The faculty representative for SGA Michael Moore will moderate the event.

Keel to hear student concerns during forum

A student forum is planned for Thursday at noon in the Russell Union Commons. Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel will address student concerns during the two-hour session. Students are urged to bring questions for the president.



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Our View

The power is yours

Do you have questions and concerns about the future of our beloved school? Unhappy with the way things stand at Georgia Southern? There are two opportunities this week to educate yourself about [current and future] decision makers on campus and question them about their vision for GSU.

The Student Government Association will hold its debate for presidential candidates Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. The elected representatives of the SGA serve as a voice for the student body.

When you prepare to cast your ballot for SGA president via Wings from March 29-31, make the decision an informed one. SGA has more power than many students are aware, so take advantage of the opportunity to find out what future members plan to do.

Not only do they speak for you at their general body

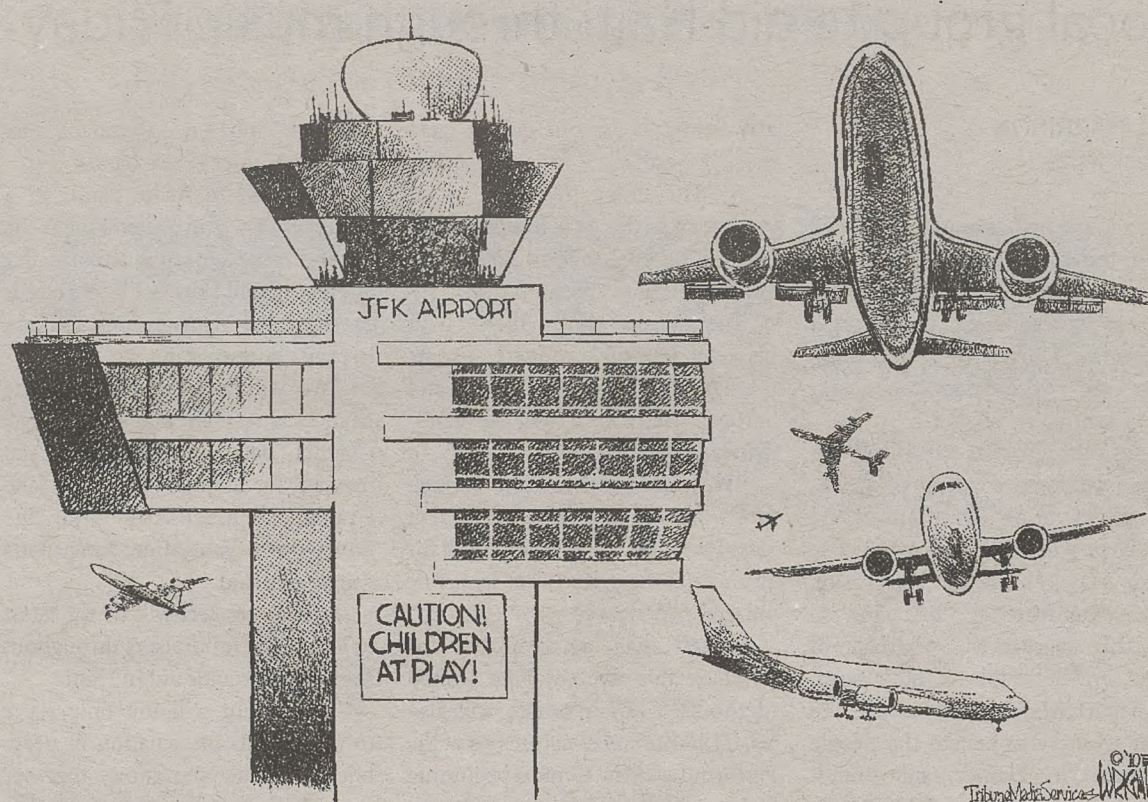
meetings on Wednesday nights, however. The same people that you elect serve on countless committees that direct your future here at GSU.

They make suggestions to officials about what to serve in some dining locations on campus, what courses to offer and even have a say in searches for leadership of the university.

GSU President Brooks Keel will be available to greet students and take their questions Thursday during a student forum. It will take place at noon in the Russell Union Commons.

Students do not often get a chance to take questions directly to the president of the university. Take advantage of it because there is no idea of when it will happen again.

With knowledge comes power. We can only overcome the obstacles ahead by exploring all facets of issues and making the best decisions for everyone -- student, faculty and staff.



On-campus Internet has its bugs

In a deviation from my normal routine, I'm writing this particular article from a computer lab, not my laptop. There's nothing wrong with my laptop, but with the on-campus connection. It would probably be working properly if not for the Cisco Clean Access server being down.

I'll admit, I know next to nothing about the CCA program even though every student is required to download it. What I do know is this: when I last checked, there was a problem connecting to the CCA server because the security certificate was not up to date. That particular problem wouldn't be too bad on a weekday. On a Sunday, no one is checking in and nothing can be done to fix it. It may seem trivial, but there are two problems here that need to be resolved: the use of CCA, and the lack of anyone going in on a weekend to make sure everything is working.

The first part is easy to fix: stop using CCA. I downloaded the program my freshman year, but I've yet to figure out what it does or what it's needed for. My guess is that it keeps viruses from entering the network.

However, if someone wanted to affect the network and knew how to make a virus, that one program probably wouldn't stop them. I suppose in theory it could stop a virus from entering the network if my computer is hit with it, but the way a virus can spread would likely make CCA irrelevant. Remember, early



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viruses hit through email. If an infected email is opened, it could hit plenty of other students without actually using the network.

The other problem is pretty easy to solve too, in my opinion: change someone's hours so that they come in for an hour on the weekends to make sure that all the networks are running. I realize that we have computer labs, but over the weekends those spaces are limited, in number and accessibility. The library isn't always open, and when it is, it can't accommodate every student who will need to access the Internet. If we have to go through the CCA server, then make sure it's up and running, even if it's only a cursory weekend check to update the security certificates.

Now, maybe I'm wrong on everything; it's happened before. But if I'm not, then maybe things really do need to change.

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part of the house because they fear that the structure will fall and bury them," she said.

The aftershocks can also be scary as they can cause even more damage, she said. Many people are afraid to enter their homes and other buildings after earthquakes, because of the aftershocks.

According to Shumaker, Chile, Peru and Costa Rica are located on the Pacific Ring of Fire, which also extends to Japan. The Ring of Fire consists of plates under the Pacific Ocean which continuously move, causing coastal areas to constantly be affected by earthquakes.

"It's much more compelling if you can see what it's really like, because unless you've been through [an earthquake], you'll never really

know," she said. "There is no warning at all.

"Despite all the work scientists have done, they still can't predict when it's going to happen," she said. "There are no warnings like there are with tornados and hurricanes."

Shumaker said that the damage done by the earthquake will take a massive recovery and will take years of work to do so.

There is so much chaos in the country and until the airports open up, it will be difficult to get volunteers into the country to help with the recovery process.

Therefore, Georgia Southern is currently not sending student volunteers.

"Until they get order established, it doesn't do any good to send anyone," she said. "For now, I would encourage that people make a contribution to Red Cross, that's what it's for, you'd be surprised how much medicine \$10 can buy."

POLICE BEAT

Monday, March 1, 2010

▲ Officers assisted three motorists, assisted another agency with a call, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.

▲ A necklace was taken from a room at Kennedy Hall.

▲ Lynwood Dustin Warmack, 24, Boone Ford Road, Calhoun, was charged with criminal trespass.

▲ Taylor Rae Olvey, 19, Hawthorne II, was charged with driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

▲ Officers issued two traffic citations, issued 11 traffic warnings and assisted four motorists.

▲ A case of harassment was reported at the Russell Union parking lot.

▲ An iPod adapter and charger were taken from a vehicle at University Villas.

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

▲ Officers issued one traffic warning, issued five traffic citations, assisted four motorists and worked one accident.

▲ Matthew Horner, 20, 803 King Arthur Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI.

▲ Officers assisted the GBI with serving an arrest warrant in the Math Building.

▲ A resident of Southern Pines reported someone damaged her car while it was parked in the parking lot.

▲ A student reported a book bag was taken from Einstein's Bagels.

▲ EMS was called to the Recreation Activity Center to assist a student who had passed out.

▲ A resident of Eagle Village reported someone damaged her vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot.

Prevention Week encourages empowered decision-making

Kelley NORMAN
guest writer

As a means to empower students to make more informed decisions, Prevention Week, hosted by the Counseling and Career Development Center, is taking place through Thursday this week at Russell Union.

"At the counseling center we like to initiate programs to either enhance wellness or promote the prevention of the onset of mental health problems," Kim Rowan, a psychologist at the CCDC, said.

Programs today and Thursday will take place at Russell Union in room 2041.

Prevention Week began yesterday with the Sexual Assault Risk Reduction program.

"One in four women and one in 10 men are at risk for sexual assault," Rowan said.

She said this could be avoided by staying with friends at all times, not taking drinks from strangers and limiting alcohol intake.

Today's program is Truth about Suicide, Depression and Bipolar Disorder at 1 p.m., and is oriented towards those who are experiencing those symptoms.

Rowan said she wants people to learn that "mental health conditions are treatable" and also clarify what a condition like bipolar disorder really is.

"A lot of people throw that word around and it became popular in songs," Rowan said.

She said that having bipolar disorder does not mean that someone is moody and that using the term so loosely minimizes the seriousness of the condition.

"There is a link between those mental health conditions and increased rates of suicide," Rowan said. She added that a person is less likely to be at risk for suicide if bipolar

disorder is treated.

Rowan said the Turn your Lemons into Lemonade event taking place March 10 is designed to be more fun for students.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the CCDC will give away free lemonade donated by Chick-fil-A at the Russell Union Rotunda.

According to Rowan, the point of the event is to "decrease the stigma of seeking mental health treatment" by helping students realize that the staff at the CCDC are "regular people who are relatable."

The staff will also hand out brochures on how to manage stress and anxiety.

"There are things you can do when things don't seem to be going well," Rowan said. Prevention Week will conclude on March 11 at 3 p.m. with the documentary film "Death by Alcohol: the Sam Spady Story."

Sam Spady was a 19-year-old Colorado State University student who died on Sept. 5, 2004 from alcohol poisoning.

Rowan said that hearing the emotional impact of someone's story makes students realize that the same thing can happen to them.

"Her story is really relatable to Georgia Southern students," Rowan said.

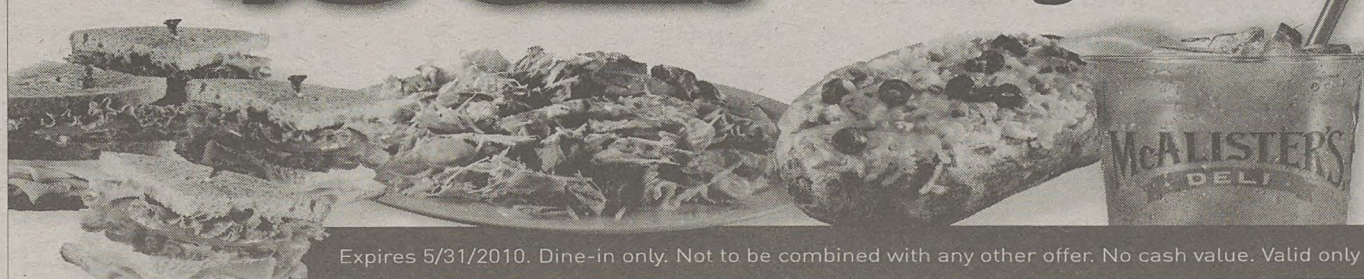
She also said that just stating statistics is ineffective in helping people to understand the consequences of alcohol poisoning.

By showing the documentary, she hopes to prevent an alcohol poisoning incident from happening on the campus of GSU.

Rowan said she wants the four events to empower students to make more informed decisions.

"I want them to realize they have a lot of power in the choices that they make," Rowan said, "and that those choices have potential consequences."

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TEAM OF THE WEEK



The Underdogs

Left to right: (Back row) Brooke Wetherington, Jessica Wren, Mike Sneed, Darcell Hanley, Kathleen Porter, Jonathan Jefferies, Daniel Sallerson, Whitney Mustoe; (Front) Dane Browner.

Why the Underdogs?

This Week, CRI has chosen The Underdogs, an Intramural basketball team whose name has proven them well. According to the Intramural Department, The Underdogs were chosen as Team of The Week because at first they struggled to win. However, through their excellent sportsmanship and great team attitude, The Underdogs have continually come out on top. Since their first victory, wins just keep coming!

Team Stats

Name	Pts	Rbnds	Blcks	Fouls	Stls
Sneed , Michael A. (C)	13.0	14.0	0.0	9.0	1.0
Brown , Jeremy K.	6.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Browner , Dane	31.0	26.0	0.0	10.0	6.0
Hanley , Darcell D.	101.0	79.0	16.0	6.0	5.0
Jeffries , Jonathan K.	3.0	12.0	1.0	6.0	1.0
Mustoe , Whitney B.	6.0	3.0	0.0	2.0	1.0
Porter , Kathleen D.	37.0	12.0	0.0	2.0	1.0
Sallerson , Daniel A.	15.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Turner , Linette D.	27.0	16.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
Wetherington , Brooke	59.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Wren , Jessica F.	21.0	6.0	0.0	7.0	2.0

▲ For all intramural results, visit the Campus Recreation & Intramurals Web site (georgiasouthern.edu/cri) and click on the Schedules & Result link under Intramurals.

Mens C Basketball Championships

Opening Round Results

Hawks 24
Gambinis 44

Butters and Beans 40
C-Monsters 14

Smash Mouth Squats 0
Afternoon Delight 20

Not At The Table Carlos 20
Duck Wranglers 0

Dilligaf 50
Big Richards Academy 42

We Agree With Kanye 44
Bad News Bears 49

BYE 0
1017 Wet Squad 20

Team Breeze 48
Buffaholics 41

The Clippers 34
With Your Mom 47

Whats A Crossover 52
Theres Skittles In There 42

Second Round Results

East Coast Killaz 27
Kennesaw Generals 34

Campus Security 57
G.T.L. 48

Sharpshooters 44
Carter Jones 37

CCF Electric Dream Machine 60
Bullets 55

Allens Wolfpack 45
Bust A Net 53

East Coast Killaz 27
Kennesaw Generals 34

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Gambinis 34

576ers 31
Butters and Beans 34

Eat Money 46
Not At The Table Carlos 26

Matty Ice 35
Dilligaf 24

The Bow-Legged Swamp Donkeys 42
The Air Show 38

Snookys and Cream 57
Whats A Crossover 29

Third Round Results

S The D 58
Kennesaw Generals 47

Noob Tubes 49
Butters and Beans 43

Eat Money 60
Campus Security 57

Matty Ice 57
Sharpshooters 48

Throw It Up 53
CCF Electric Dream Machine 57

706 45
Bust A Net 35

Humbubas 37
Team Breeze 45

Snookys and Cream 82
The Bow-Legged Swamp Donkeys 29

Co-Rec Basketball B-League

Opening Round Results

Eagle Entertainment 65
University Store 68

Shock Top 60
CCF Fourth Meal 62

Benchwarmers 45
Strawberry Coff 50

Quarter Finals

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University Store 61

The Underdogs 60
Prematurely Situational 58

Title 9 50
CCF Fourth Meal 44

Shoot Boi!!! 63
Strawberry Cuff 47

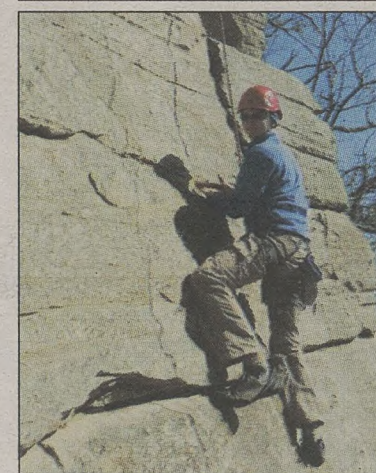


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Mens B Basketball Championships

Opening Round Results

The Goonies 42
Just Do It 51

GISA 60
Dont Call It A Comeback 53

Concrete 63
Ron Artest 43

Second Round Results

Nightmare 47
Waco 42

Buck Nasty 70
Not Your Fault 24

Off In Class 64
GISA 43



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CLUB SPORTS



The Swim Club makes waves

The Georgia Southern Swim Club is unstoppable! The Swim Club won 1st Overall after competing against nine other teams at the Tulane Mardi Gras Invitational on Feb. 20 in New Orleans. The Swim Club dominated at GSU's Eagle Sweetheart Fling Meet on Feb. 27, winning 1st Overall against the College of Charleston, UGA, GA Tech, Kennesaw State University and Gordon College. So what's next for this winning season club team? The East Coast Championship Meet hosted by GA Tech on April 9-11.

Club Sport Scores

Softball

▲ UGA at Georgia Southern

4-5 (L); 4-5 (L); 4-5 (L)

Lacrosse

▲ 2/20 vs Citadel (W) 22-11

▲ 2/26 vs Alabama (W) 14-11

▲ 2/27 vs Auburn (W) 12-5

Baseball

▲ vs. Clemson at Georgia Southern
1-10 (W); 1-10 (L); 3-18 (L)

Swim Club

vs. College of Charleston, UGA, GA Tech, Kennesaw State University, and Gordon College at GSU Eagle Sweetheart Fling Meet

▲ 1st Overall

▲ 1st Place Women's

▲ 1st Place Men's

CRI holds Workout Weekend

International Fitness Presenter Mindy Mylrea led fitness enthusiasts through two days of heart-pounding workouts at CRI's Workout Weekend. Throughout the weekend, Mindy highlighted new exercise techniques and trends and gave participants healthy lifestyle tips. Those who participated left Workout Weekend feeling fit, healthy and ready to tackle their fitness goals.

Southern Adventures

This past weekend Southern Adventures led eight students on an exhilarating climbing trip at Starr Mountain, Tenn. According to Dustin Sanderson, a trip leader, "the weekend was full of sunny weather, great climbing and a whole lot of fun."

Upcoming Trips

▲ The Southern Adventure:

March 13-20, \$300

▲ Sea Kayaking Day Trip:

March 27, \$15

▲ Mountain Biking Trip:

March 28, \$15

▲ Sea Kayaking Trip: April
9-10, \$35

▲ Sea Kayaking Day Trip:
April 18, \$15

Photo by Emma Boyer

Josh Whittington climbs while Chris Knieriem belays.

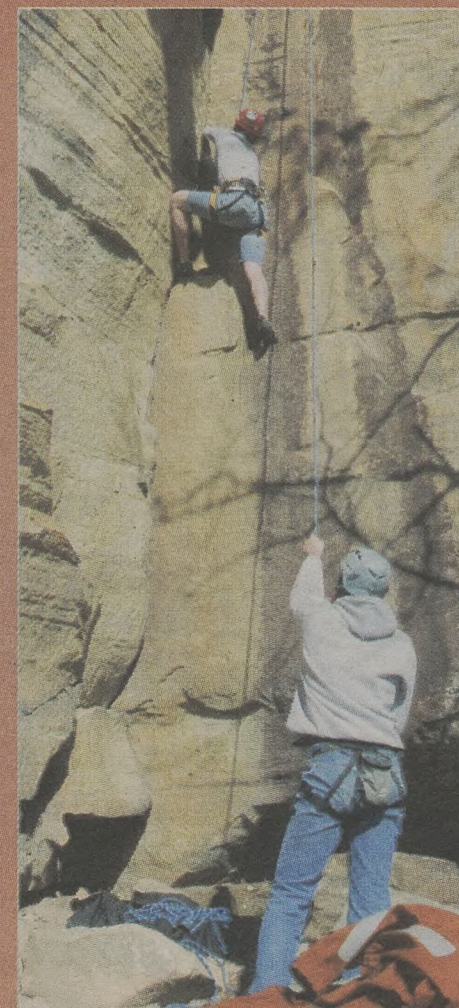


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International Fitness Presenter Mindy Mylrea leads a group of fitness enthusiasts in a session during the CRI Workout Weekend.



Lackluster production marks 2010 Awards a disappointment

The Academy Awards has always been known for its impressive stage design, glamorous set pieces and energetic celebrity presenters and hosts. This year's show paled in comparison to 2009's with underwhelming performances, a crowded line-up and a lack of energy.

Highlights of the show included some truly great speeches from Sandra Bullock and Mo'Nique and a fun back-and-forth between presenters Tina Fey and Robert Downey Jr. The best part of the night came with Ben Stiller's hilarious presentation of the best makeup award. Dressed in full "Avatar" make-up, Stiller addressed the audience, and James Cameron directly, in fake Na'vi - the language invented for Cameron's film.

Despite these segments, the ceremony suffered from a drawn-out homage to horror films, a lack of musical performances, a needless dance troupe that performed to the nominated scores of the night and some bad hosting by Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin. Much of their dialogue was without laughs, and they weren't very compelling to watch.

Overall, the Academy Awards ceremony is at its best when it's at its flashiest. Last year's musical numbers and larger-than-life performers need to be recruited for next year's show if it wants to keep people interested.

As of late, the production of the show has the highlight of the past few ceremonies for me.

This year, the award distribution was the best part of Oscar night. Not a terrible trade, in my opinion.

Kathryn Bigelow best director

Bigelow's direction on "The Hurt Locker" maybe wasn't as intensive and time-consuming as James Cameron's on "Avatar," but her character work was great and the film was really intense.

Jeff Bridges best actor

I have yet to see Bridges' performance in "Crazy Heart," but he garnered Oscar buzz from the start. It's no surprise that he won, but I loved Morgan Freeman in "Invictus."

Sandra Bullock best actress

Bullock was destined to get this award since the Golden Globes, and I can't say I'm truly sold. I have no interest in seeing "The Blind Side," but apparently her work was tops.

Christoph Waltz supporting actor

What a fantastic actor, and what a truly deserved Oscar. Waltz was the brightest highlight of "Inglourious Basterds," and I'm truly happy that he was honored.

Mo'Nique supporting actress

I have yet to see "Precious," but Mo'Nique pulled a complete 180 and delivered what's sure to be a career-best. I'm glad to see she's broken out of her comedy mold.

And the Oscar goes to...

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The Hurt Locker best picture

Kathryn Bigelow's look at an elite bomb squad's tour of duty in Iraq took home the best picture award at Sunday night's Academy Awards ceremony. Beating out nine other films including "Avatar" and "Inglourious Basterds," "The Hurt Locker" closed the night with six Academy Awards. These included best editing, best sound and best adapted screenplay for Mark Boal.

The film ran head to head with "Avatar" for most nominations, with both garnering nine. "Avatar" took home best visual effects, best art direction and best cinematography.

For me, "Avatar"'s wins weren't surprising. Anyone who saw the film could predict that it would take home the award for visual effects, as it rightly deserved. The work that James Cameron and his team put into creating the film was astonishing.

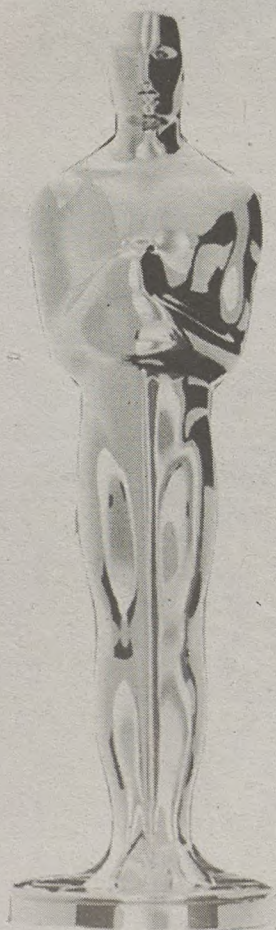
If Cameron had put more work into fleshing out his story and

making his characters a little more dimensional, then he would've had a better chance.

He shouldn't be upset though. "Avatar" is the highest grossing film ever made, with its total earnings coming in at \$2 billion worldwide. Just because the Academy didn't crown him the "King of the World" doesn't mean he isn't.

In my perfect world, I would've loved to have seen "Up In The Air" win best picture over "The Hurt Locker." Even though I loved Bigelow's philosophy regarding the psychology of war, the film takes an unneeded turn into action movie territory towards the end of the second act. I also wasn't as emotionally invested in the characters as I was in Jason Reitman's film.

Either way, it's a triumph for Bigelow's team and Summit Entertainment, and I'm glad to see the Academy recognize the little guys.



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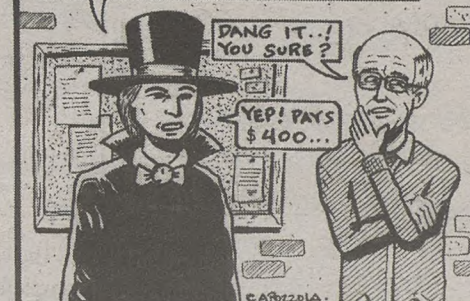
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Quick Hits

▲ GSU women's basketball defeated the College of Charleston 57-56 in the quarterfinals of the SoCon tournament before losing to Chattanooga in the semi-finals, 60-49.

▲ GSU baseball took two out of three games during last weekend's series against Marshall.

▲ GSU baseball will travel to Charleston, S.C. to face Charleston Southern on Wednesday, March 10.

▲ GSU men's basketball lost their opening contest in the SoCon tournament to Chattanooga, 82-62.

▲ GSU softball won three out of five games during the UCF tournament over the past weekend. The Eagles defeated Providence, College of Charleston and Boston College, but fell to Harvard and UCF.

▲ GSU men's tennis fell to Elon on Saturday, 5-2.

▲ GSU men's tennis fell to Wofford on Sunday, March 7, 5-2.

▲ GSU women's tennis defeated Western Carolina on Saturday, March 6, 7-0.

GSU takes two out of three



Staff Photo

GSU catcher Randy J. Williams (#32) tags out Marshall infielder Kenny Socorro during the Eagles three-game series over the past weekend. The Eagles took the first two games of the series, winning 9-1 and 4-3, before losing the last game, 8-0.

Brandon RICHARDSON
guest writer

The Georgia Southern Eagles were unable to complete the series sweep of the Marshall Herd, losing 8-0 this Sunday. The Eagles won 9-1 on Friday and 4-3 on Saturday.

"[I] saw improvement in pitching and defense. I was proud of that," said Coach Randy Hennon. "[If you] look at the weekend as a whole, we played pretty good defense."

Starting pitcher Trent Fansago continued the great defense that the Eagles had shown all series long, beginning the day with a 1-2-3 inning, striking out his first batter.

After giving up 2 straight singles to begin the second inning, Fansago ended the inning without giving up a run by forcing the batter to hit into a double play.

Marshall scored the first run of the day off an RBI double to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the 3rd inning.

The Eagles loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning but Marshall pitcher Mike Mason picked up strikeouts four and five of the day to keep the Eagles scoreless.

The Eagle defense didn't remain as solid as the first two games of the series. In the top of the fourth, a passed ball on a strikeout allowed the

batter and runner to advance. A double down the left-field line resulted in two unearned runs. Right fielder Arthur Owen threw out the runner at home to end the inning.

A double into the left increased the lead by three to 4-0 for the Herd. The Eagles gave up four runs in four innings after giving up a total of four in the previous two games.

Pitcher Andy Moye was brought in for the Eagles in the top of the fifth. After walking the first batter, Moye retired the next three batters in the inning. The play of the day came when Shortstop Eric Phillips made a diving stop to start the double play that would end the inning.

After a home run by the Herd, the Eagles entered the bottom of the 6th inning down 5-0.

Third baseman A.J. Wirnsberger led the inning off with a double into left field. It looked like the Eagles would make another 6th inning rally, but Wirnsberger was stranded on third. Eagles remained scoreless through six as the lefty Mason ended the inning on his 8th strikeout of the day.

As the seventh inning stretch ended, the Eagles had three innings left to climb back from the 5-0 deficit.

Mason picked up his 9th and final strikeout of the game before being pulled out with two outs and a runner on first. The nine strikeouts

in the game were a career high for Mason. "He [Mason] did a nice job changing pitches and mixing speeds," said Hennon. Another runner was stranded for the Eagles as they ended the inning on their 10th strikeout of the game.

Down 6-0, the Eagles entered the 8th inning looking for some of the offensive firepower they had shown in the previous games.

Unlike the second game, there would be no coming back for the team. They went scoreless in the 8th inning.

The Herd added two more runs with a homer in the top of the 9th. The Eagles loaded the bases in the bottom of the 9th, but once again went scoreless when Wirnsberger struck out to end the game.

The Eagles went scoreless on the day with seven hits and 13 strikeouts.

"We have a lot of work to do offensively. [We will] go back to work on Tuesday, go play Charleston Southern, and will be ready for Appalachian State," said Hennon.

A win would have brought the Eagles to .500, but the loss drops them to 5-7 on the season. It was the coach's first career loss to Marshall.

The Eagles play Charleston Southern this Wednesday before returning home on Friday to start a three game series against conference rival Appalachian State.

Jaybo Shaw to be an Eagle in 2010



Special Photos

Georgia Tech quarterback Jaybo Shaw (#11) announced his decision to transfer to Georgia Southern for the beginning of the 2010 fall semester. Shaw was the backup to Yellow Jacket starter Josh Nesbitt during his time spent at Georgia Tech. In six games played last year, Shaw had 12 rushing attempts for 54 yards, averaging 4.2 yards per carry.

Thom CUNNINGHAM
sports editor

It has been announced that Jaybo Shaw, Georgia Tech's backup quarterback last season, will transfer to Georgia Southern for the 2010 fall semester.

Shaw, who attended Flowery Branch High School, will enter the GSU locker room as a junior after finishing his sophomore year in Atlanta.

In 2008, Shaw saw playing time on Oct. 5 when the Yellow Jackets took on the Duke Blue Devils.

Shaw was filling in for the injured Josh Nesbitt at the time, and he didn't disappoint. Shaw threw for 230 passing yards and was responsible for two touchdowns in their 27-0 victory.

For that game, Shaw received the ACC Rookie of the Week Award.

One of the touchdowns thrown by Shaw during that game was an 88-yard pass to wide receiver Demaryius Thomas, making it the third longest touchdown pass in Georgia Tech history.

During his career at Georgia Tech, Shaw had a total of five touchdowns - two passing, three rushing - and a total of 521 yards.

Many people feel Shaw transferred down here because Jeff Monken is the new head coach for GSU football and the triple option offense will be used.

This is true, but it's not the only reason why Shaw chose the Eagles.

"One of the biggest reasons I chose Georgia Southern was because of academics," said Shaw. "Georgia Southern has an education

degree and Tech does not. I want to be a coach or a teacher when I get done playing ball."

Another reason Shaw picked GSU as his new home for college and football was because of his personal history with the city of Statesboro.

"My family is actually from Statesboro," said Shaw. "My grandparents are from Statesboro so I used to see them down here. There are other reasons I want to play at GSU. I get to play in a great conference with a head coach that I have built a relationship with."

Monken and Shaw worked together in the time each spent at Georgia Tech.

Shaw believes Monken is a good coach - not just for him, but for most players.

"He's [Monken] really a great football coach," said Shaw. "He's definitely a player's coach and he always knows what he's talking

about. He's the type of coach who is going to take care of his players, which is one of the biggest things to me. I enjoyed playing for him up at Tech and I think my teammates down in Georgia Southern will enjoy it as well."

The triple option offense, which will be the main offensive set for GSU, makes the transition from school to school a little bit easier, according to Shaw.

"Transferring to a place where the same offense ran is the same from the school I'm transferring from makes the whole process much more simple," said Shaw. "I don't have to learn a whole new playbook. For the most part, it's going to be the same stuff I've seen and what coach Monken has taught me. I don't have to think about a whole other offense since I already know the playbook."

Having family from the Statesboro area, Shaw is familiar with the GSU tradition that is highly valued down here.

"Although I never got to live in Statesboro," said Shaw, "I've been to a couple of football games when I was little. My family is actually really good friends with Rob Stockton, who used to play safety at Georgia Southern. More importantly though, I want to be a part of the GSU football tradition."

It seems clear that Shaw choosing GSU as a new home for his college and football life was not just some random crashout.

The academics, the conference, the coach, the playbook and the tradition that comes with being a GSU Eagle seems to be enough for Shaw to embrace and excite the Statesboro natives.

"I'm really excited about coming down there," said Shaw. "I can't wait to try and help Georgia Southern get back to where it once was back in the day."

Shaw said that he will be on the GSU campus sometime in May.

The Eagles begin their 2010 season on Saturday, Sept. 4 against Savannah State.



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Lady Eagles make it to semi-finals

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The men's team lost their opening game to 3rd ranked Chattanooga, 82-62. Rory Spencer had a team-high 15 points.

The women's team won their first game against the College of Charleston off of a buzzer beater three from Jessica Geiger, 57-56.

The women's team lost their second game to Chattanooga, 60-49 in the semi-finals.



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